

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 15-10-066, filed 5/1/15, effective 6/1/15)

WAC 232-28-286 2016, 2017, and 2018 Spring black bear seasons and regulations. It is unlawful to fail to comply with the provisions of this section. A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.410, 77.15.245, or 77.15.280, depending on the circumstances of the violation.

Who May Apply: Anyone with a valid Washington big game license, which includes black bear as a species option.

Hunt Areas, Permit Levels, and Season Dates for Each License Year:

Hunt Name	Hunt Area	Permits ^a	Season Dates ^b
Sherman	GMU 101	50	April 1 - June 15
Kelly Hill	GMU 105	50	April 1 - June 15
Douglas	GMU 108	40	April 1 - June 15
Aladdin	GMU 111	50	April 1 - June 15
49 Degrees North	GMU 117	100	April 1 - June 15
Huckleberry	GMU 121	100	April 1 - June 15
Blue Creek	GMU 154	15	April 15 - May 31
Dayton	GMU 162	15	April 15 - May 31
Tucannon	GMU 166	5	April 15 - May 31
Wenaha	GMU 169	45	April 15 - June 15
Mt. View	GMU 172	15	April 15 - May 31
Lick Creek	GMU 175	15	April 15 - May 31
Couse	GMU 181	4	April 15 - May 31
Grande Ronde	GMU 186	5	April 15 - May 31
<u>Kitsap</u>	<u>GMU 627</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>April 15 - May 31</u>
<u>Mason</u>	<u>GMU 633</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>April 15 - May 31</u>
Bear River ^b	GMU 681	20	April 15 - May 31
Long Beach ^{bd}	GMU 684	20	April 15 - May 31
North Skagit ^c	That portion of GMU 418 that is designated as the hunt area by DNR, Sierra Pacific, ((Longview)) Weyerhaeuser-Columbia Timber Lands, and Grandy Lake Timber company.	30	April 15 - June 15
Monroe ^c	That portion of GMU 448 that is designated as the hunt area by DNR ((;)) and Campbell ((Group, and Longview Timber Lands)) Global.	25	April 15 - June 15
Copalis ^{bd}	((That portion of GMU 642 that is designated as the hunt area by Rayonier Timber Company.)) <u>GMU 642</u>	((100)) <u>50</u>	April 15 - June 15
Kapowsin ^c	That portion of GMUs 653 and/or 654 that is designated as the hunt area by Hancock Forest Management and International Forestry.	150	April 15 - June 15

^a Permits are valid for the license year they are issued.

^b Mostly private lands; access is extremely limited. Please secure access prior to applying for these hunts.

^c Spring black bear hunting seasons to reduce black bear damage to trees.

^d Firearm restriction area.

Bag Limit: One black bear per black bear special permit season.

License Required: A valid big game hunting license, which includes black bear as a species option, is required to hunt black bear. One black bear transport tag is included with a big game hunting license that has black bear as a species option.

Hunting Method: Hunters may use any lawful big game modern firearm, archery, or muzzleloader equipment for hunting black bear. The use of dogs or bait to hunt black bear is prohibited statewide.

Submitting Bear Teeth: Successful bear hunters must submit the black bear premolar located behind the canine tooth of the upper jaw.